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FLASHING DEVICE (AS AMENDED)  
Docket No.: TJA-148US

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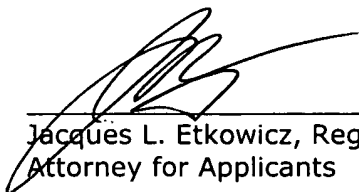
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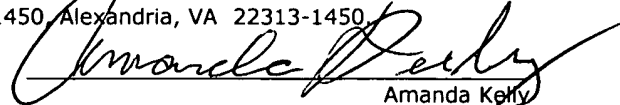
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